# ALL ABOARD

*With G. E. Mortimore*

Most people in retail stores are polite, even though they may hate the people they serve.

I found it a refreshing change, in a way, to meet a man in a large store who greeted me with a sneer, and answered questions in a tone of chilly contempt.

I was enquiring about a certain second-hand household machine that was the cheapest thing of its kind on the floor, and I had fairly well made up my mind to buy it anyway, but I thought I had better learn something about it.

I fingered a label that was hanging from the machine. "This guarantee . . ." I began, enquiringly.

"There's a 90-day warranty on the parts," the store man snapped.

"Not on service, though, eh?" I asked.

He looked at me with an air of frank distaste.

"How do you mean, not on service?" he asked.

## Feeling of Guilt

By this time, I was beginning to feel guilty. I was sorry I had asked. "Er, I mean—you don't provide service under the guarantee," I fumbled.

"Provide service under the guarantee?" he echoed, with a puzzled look, as though I had uttered a phrase in a foreign language.

"You'll have to forgive me," I said. "I have never bought one of these before, and I'm not familiar with the terms on which they're sold."

His face relaxed into an expression of reluctant forgiveness. "None of the warranties cover repair charges," he said.

"Then I suppose there's a fortune waiting for the first merchant who throws in free service as part of the deal," I said.

He regarded me narrowly. "In what way do you mean, there's a fortune waiting?" he asked.

"Might be able to undersell competitors," I mumbled.

"You can buy a service contract, if that's what you mean," he said. "That's the same as it is for new machines, too. The warranty covers the parts only. Radios have been sold on those terms for 30 years."

"Oh," I said.

## Address Rang Bell

As he was making out the bill of sale, my address struck a chord in his memory.

"Um, Langford Lake," he said. "Do you know old Joe Blank down there?—he lives in one of those shacks, down on the lake."

Joe Blank happened to be a man a few doors along from me. Joe's house was quite a lot better than mine. The man in the store obviously knew where I lived.

I thought of making some answer, but changed my mind. I wasn't really in a mood to exchange insults. So I muttered some ambiguous reply, completed the purchase and slunk out the exit toward my shack.

My ego was only a little bruised. But if I had been a shareholder in that store, I think I would have been in a bad temper.

# Take Over BCE—Union

The Allied Fishermen and United Workers' Union yesterday asked the provincial cabinet to place the B.C. Electric Company under public ownership.

Forty-six delegates visited the legislative buildings yesterday, button-holed MLAs in the corridors and met with cabinet.

Today they will present a brief on unemployment to the House labor committee.

The delegation said it was opposed to the policy which allows private companies to distribute power to the heavily populated areas while the B.C. Power Commission is given the task of supplying power to thinly settled rural areas.

They claimed the Fraser River Board report was contradictory in connection with harm to fish in the Fraser River and that further study should be given to the fish problem on the Fraser.

The union proposed a large housing and public works program, coupled with increases in out-of-work benefits to three-quarters of normal earnings and continued payments after unemployment insurance stamps have run out.

# Let Indians Drink—Jury

VANCOUVER (CP) — A coroner's jury investigating the death of a 23-year-old Indian woman Tuesday recommended equal rights for Indians under the Liquor Act.

The jury found that Mary Ann Susie Williams died a natural death in hospital Friday of acute pancreatitis and fatty degeneration of the liver.

Pathologist T. R. Harmon testified both conditions were associated with chronic consumption of alcohol and with the improper diet usually related to drinking.

He also said figures showed 982 drunk arrests in Vancouver in January, of which 132 were women—45 of them Indians.

# Victoria Man Acquitted In Nanaimo

NANAIMO—An assize court jury acquitted Peter Szoke, of Victoria, yesterday on a charge of being in possession of an offensive weapon.

Prosecution alleged Szoke, had threatened Mrs. Gladys M. Davidson, 802 Blanshard, Victoria, with a knife, but he testified he became frightened that police would return him to jail, and had threatened to kill himself with a carving knife.

## Helpers to Help Helpers

Helping hand to Goodwill Enterprises, which helps handicapped help themselves, will be given this evening by 100 Oak Bay High School students—60 Y-Teen girls and 40 Hi-Y boys. Students will distribute 1,000 Goodwill bags to householders between Oak Bay Avenue and Cadboro Bay Road for accumulation of discarded clothing, utensils, etc., to be picked up by Goodwill. Four thousand bags will be delivered at later date to other Greater Victoria areas. Two Oak Bay helpers are Mike Muirhead, 18, and Wayne Farmer, 17.—(Colonist photo.)

## Tax Collector Gets Slice Of Christmas Gift Turkey

**WASHINGTON (AP)—The Internal Revenue Service at Tacoma, Wash., has ruled that an employee must pay tax on a turkey received from his boss at Christmas.**

**Representative Thor Tollefson (Rep.-Wash.) called the ruling ridiculous but technically correct.**

*Central Saanich Case*

# Lower Assessment Farmers' Victory

Central Saanich was granted a 10-per-cent assessment reduction on farm lands after a court of revision yesterday heard a brief presented by municipal clerk Donald S. Wood.

The overall municipal assessment was increased between 10 and 15 per cent this year, of a re-assessment ordered by the provincial government.

Mr. Wood, who considered the reduction a victory for farmers, said, "I figured they were paying plenty. We're not trying to tax them off the farm."

Central Saanich's overall assessment jumped $1,000,000 this year, for a new total of about $6,000,000.

Last year's rate of 29.2 mills included 17.2 mils for schools and 12 mills for the municipality.

*Ship Calendar*

# Two Warships Sail

**NAVY**

Miramichi and James Bay left yesterday, return 2 p.m. Feb. 12; Sussexvale, Stettler, Antigonish, Beacon Hill, Jonquiere, New Glasgow and New Waterford return Friday (dependents will not be allowed into Dockyard—only cars with passes will be admitted.) Fraser, Margaree and Skeena return March 20.

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# Weather Forecast

**February 4, 1959**

Cloudy with sunny periods, little change in temperature. Winds westerly 25, gusty, occasionally dropping to light. Tuesday precipitation .02. Sunshine, 36 minutes.

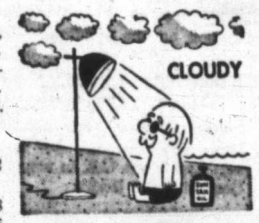
**Recorded Temperatures**

High 48 Low 42

**Forecast Temperatures**

High 48 Low 38

Sunrise 7.41 Sunset 5.16




East Coast of Vancouver Island — Cloudy with sunny periods, little change in temperature. Winds light, occasionally northeasterly 20 near Georgia Strait. High and low at Nanaimo, 45 and 30.

West Coast of Vancouver Island — Variable cloudiness. Little change in temperature. Winds northwesterly 15. High and low at Estevan Point, 47 and 40.

**TEMPERATURES**

| | Min. | Max. | Prec. |
|---|---|---|---|
| St. John's | 3 | 12 | -- |
| Halifax | 12 | 34 | -- |
| Montreal | 11 | 29 | -- |
| Ottawa | 4 | 28 | -- |
| Toronto | 10 | 33 | .01 |
| North Bay | 17 | 21 | .09 |
| Port Arthur | 8 | 24 | .03 |
| Kenora | -4 | 10 | -- |
| Winnipeg | -9 | 0 | -- |
| The Pas | -21 | 0 | -- |
| Regina | -1 | 18 | .09 |
| Saskatoon | 2 | 16 | .28 |
| Prince Albert | -16 | 9 | .12 |
| N. Battleford | 13 | 17 | .23 |
| Swift Current | 18 | 31 | .01 |
| Medicine Hat | 28 | 36 | -- |
| Calgary | 26 | 36 | -- |
| Lethbridge | 23 | 41 | .21 |
| Edmonton | 20 | 36 | .02 |
| Kimberley | 18 | 35 | -- |
| Crescent Valley | 23 | 37 | .05 |
| Kaslo | 26 | 31 | .07 |
| Grand Forks | 25 | 37 | Trace |
| Kamloops | 29 | 45 | .14 |
| Penticton | 29 | 33 | -- |
| Vancouver | 38 | 45 | .05 |
| Prince Rupert | 41 | 46 | .95 |
| Prince George | 34 | 43 | .01 |
| Whitehorse | 24 | 33 | Trace |
| Seattle | 35 | 45 | .02 |
| Portland | 41 | 52 | Trace |
| San Francisco | 40 | 65 | -- |
| Los Angeles | 46 | 70 | -- |
| Spokane | 27 | 34 | -- |
| Chicago | 14 | 35 | .20 |
| New York | 18 | 40 | -- |

**TIDES AT VICTORIA**

(Pacific Standard Time)

| | Time H.M | Ht. Ft. | Time H.M. | Ht. Ft. | Time H.M. | Ht. Ft. | Time H.M. | Ht. Ft. |
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| 4 | 04.30 | 8.2 | 05.66 | 8.1 | 10.54 | 9.9 | 18.52 | 1.9 |
| 5 | 04.37 | 8.3 | 06.38 | 8.0 | 11.51 | 9.3 | 19.37 | 1.7 |
| 6 | 05.04 | 8.3 | 07.17 | 7.7 | 12.45 | 9.2 | 20.18 | 1.8 |
| 7 | 05.30 | 8.2 | 08.27 | 7.2 | 13.35 | 8.9 | 20.58 | 2.1 |
| 8 | 05.45 | 8.1 | 09.14 | 6.7 | 14.23 | 8.5 | 21.35 | 2.5 |
| 9 | 04.52 | 8.1 | 10.03 | 6.3 | 15.10 | 8.1 | 22.14 | 3.2 |
| 10 | 05.16 | 8.2 | 10.49 | 5.9 | 15.59 | 7.6 | 22.48 | 3.9 |
| 11 | 05.38 | 8.2 | 11.40 | 5.6 | 16.52 | 7.1 | 23.19 | 4.6 |
| 12 | 06.08 | 8.3 | 12.34 | 5.3 | 17.50 | 6.6 | 23.45 | 5.3 |
| 13 | 06.36 | 8.4 | 13.34 | 4.9 | 19.14 | 6.2 | 23.59 | 5.9 |
| 14 | 07.04 | 8.4 | 14.38 | 4.6 | ..... | | ..... | |
| 15 | 07.27 | 8.4 | 15.45 | 4.2 | ..... | | ..... | |
| 16 | 07.51 | 8.4 | 16.43 | 3.9 | ..... | | ..... | |

**TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR**

(Pacific Standard Time)

| | Time H.M. | Ht. Ft. | Time H.M. | Ht. Ft. | Time H.M. | Ht. Ft. | Time H.M. | Ht. Ft. |
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| 4 | 04.04 | 11.2 | 08.14 | 10.0 | 12.32 | 11.0 | 20.33 | 2.4 |
| 5 | 04.43 | 11.3 | 08.22 | 9.7 | 13.37 | 10.7 | 21.16 | 2.3 |
| 6 | 05.17 | 11.6 | 10.13 | 9.2 | 14.40 | 10.3 | 22.01 | 2.4 |
| 7 | 05.48 | 11.7 | 11.00 | 8.8 | 15.40 | 10.3 | 22.41 | 2.8 |
| 8 | 06.18 | 11.6 | 11.43 | 7.9 | 16.37 | 10.0 | 23.20 | 3.3 |
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| 13 | 01.46 | 6.7 | 08.23 | 11.0 | 15.25 | 5.5 | 21.55 | 8.8 |
| 14 | 02.27 | 7.6 | 08.51 | 10.8 | 16.15 | 5.2 | 23.35 | 8.9 |
| 15 | 03.15 | 8.4 | 09.20 | 10.6 | 17.05 | 4.9 | | |
| 16 | 01.28 | 9.3 | 04.29 | 9.1 | 09.54 | 10.4 | 17.56 | 4.6 |

# Today's Events

Victoria pianist Robin Wood and his wife Winifred Scott will present a recital at Oak Bay Junior High School at 8.30 p.m. sponsored by the **Musical Art Society.** Tickets are available at Western Music Co., 758 Fort . . . **British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization,** Branch 5, will meet in the Moose Hall, 512 Fort at 1.30 p.m. . . . **Victoria Outboard Club** meets at 8 p.m., 721 Courtney.

# Angry Malta at Standstill

VALLETTA, Malta (Reuters) — Ex-premier Dom Mintoff and his Labor party brought Malta to a virtual standstill Tuesday as thousands of angry Maltese protested against British suspension of the Mediterranean island's constitution.

Mintoff had publicly gambled his political future on the "day of mourning" he called to protest Britain's action in revoking the internal self-government of the naval-base island.

He said the protest, which a Labor party official claimed was a "knockout victory," would show that the 300,000 Maltese thought British plans to govern the people directly would be unworkable.

In the face of tough British counter-measures, Mintoff came as near to complete success as politically possible, observers said.

The only comfort for Mintoff's opponents was that his followers largely disregarded his injunction to remain indoors as a sign of "mourning," but instead crowded into the streets to stand in groups.

The British decision to suspend the constitution came after the breakdown late last year of constitutional talks over the future of the island.

The harbor at Valletta was at a standstill and the giant naval dockyard—the island's biggest industrial employer — practically idle with only 10 per cent of the 12,600 workers on duty.

Only about one out of six stores in the city opened. All movies were closed and children stayed out of school. Buses ran, but there were no passengers.

**Labor Plan**

# Strategy Meeting

VANCOUVER (CP) — The British Columbia Federation of Labor Tuesday said it will call a meeting here of B.C. labor leaders within 10 days to map out new strategy in their campaign against unemployment.

The Federation sent telegrams to Prime Minister Diefenbaker, other leaders and the Canadian Labor Congress calling for a state of emergency.

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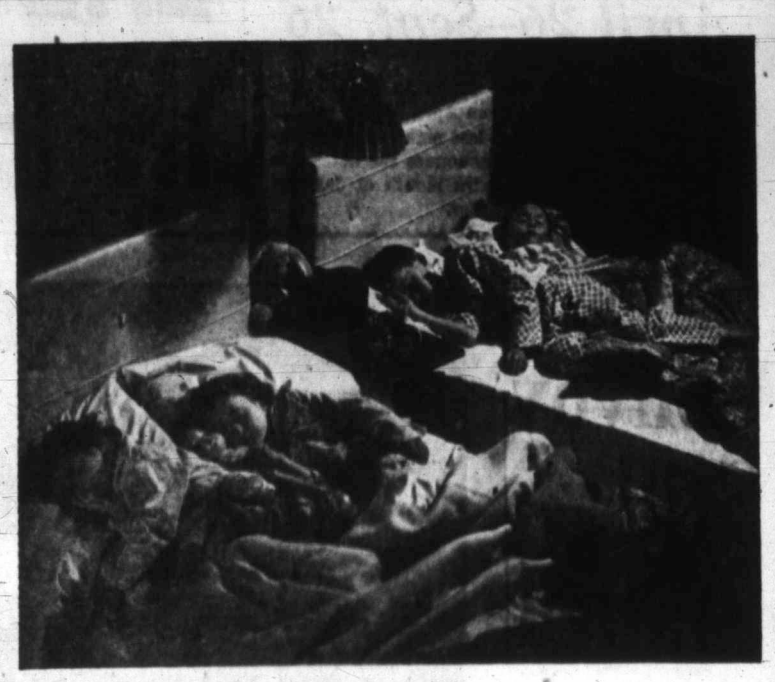

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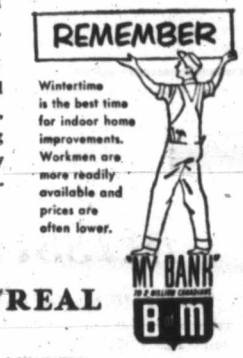

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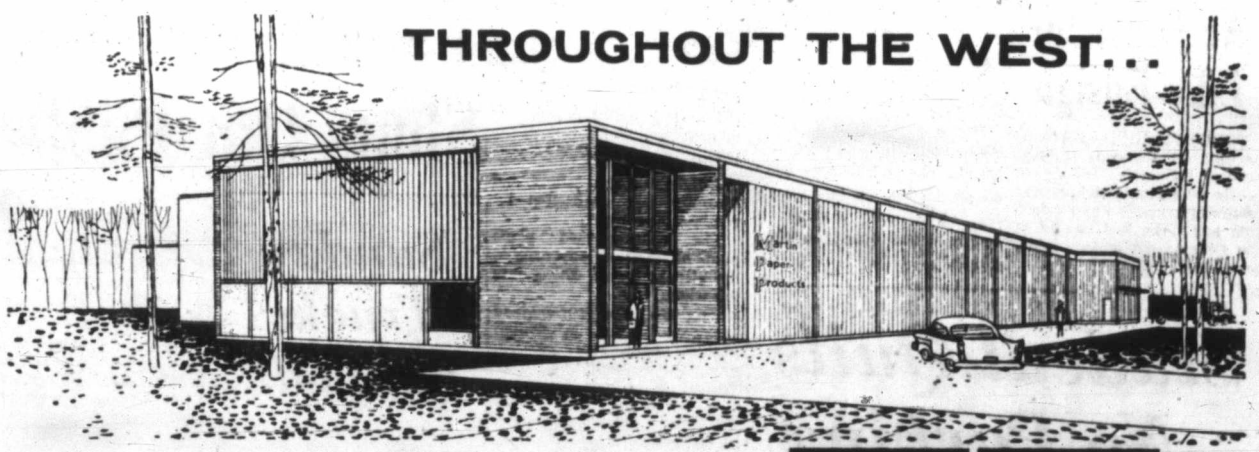

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